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Buddha may appear in them as a king, an outcast, a god, an elephantbut, in whatever form, he exhibits some virtue that the tale thereby inculcates. In Theravada Buddhism, the Jatakas are a textual division of the Pali Canon, included in the Khuddaka Nikaya of the Sutta Pitaka.